Widening of National Highway No.17

5939.SHRI V.S.VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to widen the National Highway No.17 in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Development of N.H.17 including widening to two lane is a continuous process and improvement works are undertaken in a phased manner keeping in view the traffic intensity,existing condition of the National Highway, inter-se priority on an All-India basis and funds available for the purpose. In the current Annual Plan 1991-92, there is a provision of Rs.3760.00 lakhs, for widening of N.H.17 including realignment, construction of bypasses and bridges etc.

Credit-Deposit Ratio of Banks in Rural Areas

5940. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE to be pleased to state:

(a) the norms fixed for credit-deposit ratio of banks in the rural areas;

(b) the extent to which these norms have been implemented by banks during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to push up the credit-deposit ratio in the rural areas?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The public sector banks have been advised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to achieve a credit deposit ratio of at least 60% in respect of their rural and semi-urban branches separately. Against the above norm the credit: deposit ratio of all scheduled commercial banks in respect of their rural branches was 63.9% and 60.1% at the end of March, 1990 and March, 1991 respectively.

(c). Banks have been advised by RBI to ensure that wide regional disparities among various States in credit deployment are avoided and effective steps are taken to increase the flow of credit to all productive and identified viable proposals in different areas. The matter is also monitored by State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) State Governments and RBI on regular basis.

Export of Granite

5941. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE to pleased to state:

(a) whether there are rich deposits of granite stones suitable for export, in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the entrepreneurs to establish granite polishing units to earn more foreign exchange;

(d) the number of units which have applied for financial assistance from the banks/financial institutions; and

(e) the number of units which have been provided assistance as on May 31, 1991?